

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated July 22, 2004. Reconsideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 21-24 have been added.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 8-10 have been amended.

No new matter is added.

Claims 2-24 are presently pending.

Claim 1-8 and 11-15 stand rejected.

Claims 9, 10, and 16-20 are objected to.

II. Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 9, 10, and 16-20. Claims 9, 10, and 16-20 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 9 has been amended to be in independent form and is therefore in condition for allowance.

III. Status of the Specification

The Specification has been carefully reviewed and revised to insert the section heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION."

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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